

# Grand Beach

## PARK EXPLORER

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**Hi!** Would you like to become a Park Explorer just like Frankie Fox? Complete the activities in this booklet to discover more about Manitoba's provincial parks and the great ways for you to explore the outdoors. Once you are done, fill in the back page and return the book to become an official **Park Explorer!**

My name is

What are your three favourite things to do in a park?

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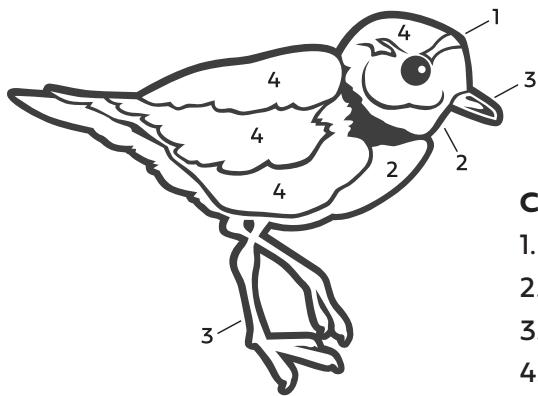
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# Plight of the Piping Plover

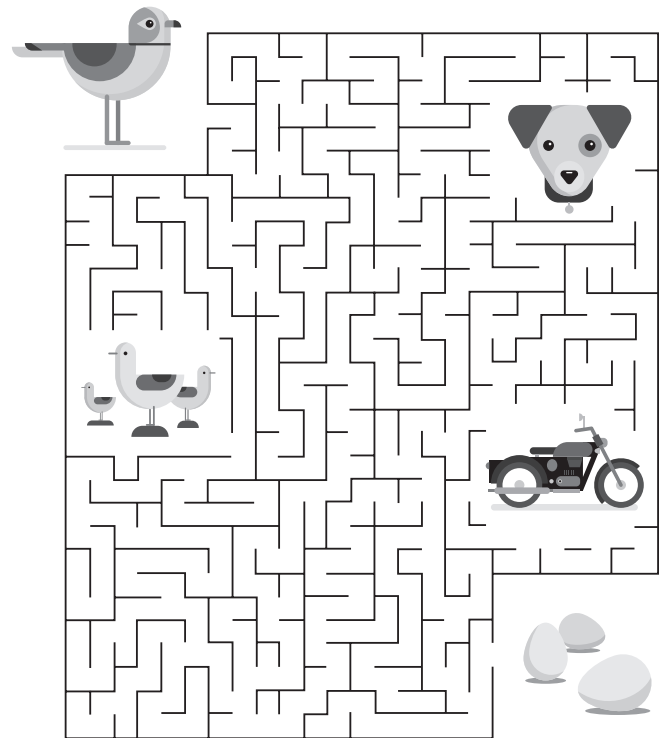
Piping Plovers face many dangers on the beach during the summer. Help the Plovers get safely to their nest – avoid the dangers along the way.

The Piping Plover is an endangered shorebird that nests on the shores of **Lake Winnipeg**, on the same beach you and I enjoy. Learn what the Piping Plover looks like by colouring the picture below.



## Colours

1. Black
2. White
3. Orange
4. Sandy



## Storytime: *History Happenings*

Use the words to fill in the blanks and complete the story of how Grand Beach became the great gathering place it is today.

### Words to Use:

camping  
cents  
end  
Grand Beach  
homestead  
Manitoba  
parks  
tracks  
train  
travel

In 1883, a new type of \_\_\_\_\_ came to Winnipeg. The Canadian Pacific Railway completed the \_\_\_\_\_ into the city, allowing people to travel quickly. In 1914, the Canadian Northern Railway bought a \_\_\_\_\_ to turn into a resort. The employees of the railway were one of the first people to enjoy a vacation at \_\_\_\_\_. The first \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in 1916. A special train called the Moonlight Express had tickets for 50 \_\_\_\_\_. For the next 40 years, people enjoyed swimming, going to the dance hall, and even \_\_\_\_\_ at the railway resort. When the highway was completed in the 1960's, it was the \_\_\_\_\_ of people needing to take the train. The railway company sold Grand Beach to the province of \_\_\_\_\_. In 1961. It became one of the first provincial \_\_\_\_\_ in Manitoba.

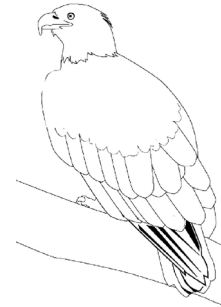
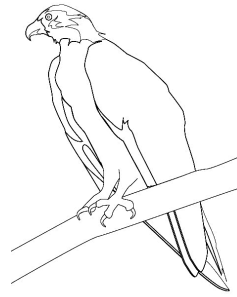


If you need further assistance in completing these activities, look for a Park Interpreter at park programs and interpretive centres for help.

# Birds of a Feather

Two of Manitoba's largest birds of prey (or birds that hunt), the **Bald Eagle** and **Osprey**, live in the Grand Beach area. Birds of prey have special adaptations that allow them to hunt their food. Unscramble the words below to find out what adaptations these birds use to hunt.

prhas lostan \_\_\_\_\_  
 oogd seiytegh \_\_\_\_\_  
 wfepolur inswg \_\_\_\_\_  
 rhpas vrcued keba \_\_\_\_\_



When in flight, eagles fly with their wings straight across, osprey keep their wings in an "m" shape. Draw a line from the bird on its perch to the correct silhouette of the bird in flight. How else could you tell these birds apart when they are in flight?

*Hint: Think about the name Bald Eagle.*



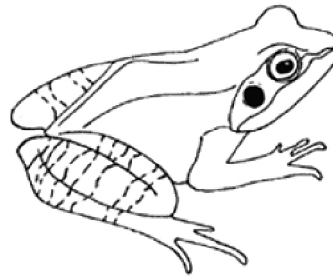
# Frogs and Toads

Grand Beach is home to a number of frogs and toads that may be hard to find elsewhere. Use the clues to uncover four common amphibians in Grand Beach.



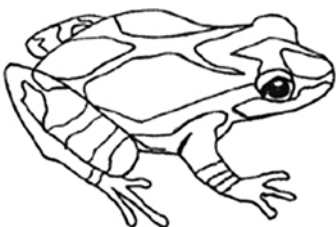
This spotted frog has the same name as a member of the big cat family.

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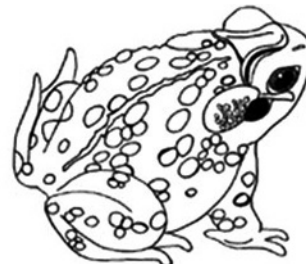
This masked frog has the same name as something that paper is made from.

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This tiny frog's call in spring sounds like "peep-peep-peep".

s \_\_ \_\_ i \_\_ \_\_  
 \_\_ e e \_\_ e \_\_



This toad shares a name with the country you are in.

\_\_ a \_\_ a \_\_ i a \_\_  
 \_\_ o a \_\_

# Welcome to Bear Country!

Grand Beach is home to many wild animals, including the **Black Bear**. While in bear country we must be respectful of these magnificent animals, a clean campsite will keep the bears away and will keep you and the bears safe. Items or odours that attract bears are called **attractants**. Circle the 7 bear attractants in the picture below to show that you are **Bear Smart**. Can you think of any other attractants that are not in the picture? Write them down.



# Sand Dunes

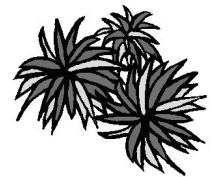
The sand dunes of Grand Beach are a very fragile environment. The dunes at Grand Beach have developed **over thousands of years** but can be damaged in a very short time. Do your part to protect this delicate ecosystem. For each of the activities below circle the ones that help protect the sand dunes and mark with a X the ones that will harm the dunes.



Walking on the plants that grow in the dunes.



Driving ATVs on the beach.



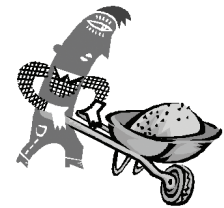
Pulling plants out of the sand.



Biking through the sand dunes.



Walking on designated paths.



Removing sand from the beach.

# Wetland Scramble

The world has now lost **70 percent** of its wetlands. Wetlands are important ecosystems because they clean out pollution in the water and are home to many plants and animals. However, they need our help. Please return the plants and animals to the wetland by finding them in the word scramble below.

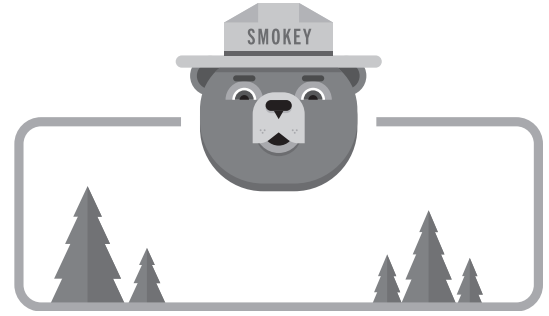
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c	j	l	y	b	t	p	s	x	u	a	e	y	w	e	p	q	z	p	w	m	u	f	e	h	e	k	u	e	s

## Words to Find:

- |                         |                   |                      |                  |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| algae                   | damselfly nymph   | merganser            | reed grass       |
| arrowhead               | dragonfly         | mink                 | snail            |
| beaver                  | duckweed          | mudpuppy             | tadpole          |
| black bear              | freshwater shrimp | muskrat              | water lily       |
| blue spotted salamander | great blue heron  | otter                | water mite       |
| bulrush                 | leopard frog      | painted turtle       | whirligig beetle |
| caddisfly larvae        | mallard           | pelican              | wood duck        |
| cattail                 | marsh marigold    | red winged blackbird |                  |

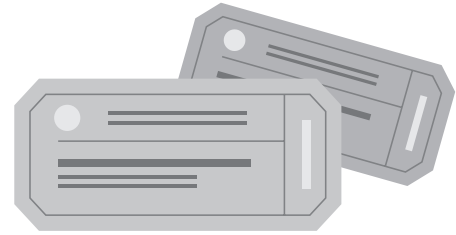
# Forest and Fire

When you enter the park, a sign tells you the wildfire danger level and will help you know when to be careful. Next time you enter the park, check out the fire danger level and write it in the box. Then colour the box the correct colour. **Low – Green, Medium – Yellow, High – Orange, Extreme – Red.**



# Waves of Time

Grand Beach has been a social gathering place for recreation since the early **1900s**. Use the code below to discover some of the things the first visitors did while at Grand Beach.



a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
5	8	3	13	6	14	22	4	2	25	10	7	1	12	21	24	20	26	17	9	11	18	16	23	19	15

Long before the highway was built, travelers came to Grand Beach by \_\_\_\_\_.  
9 26 5 2 12

At one time the train arrived at Grand Beach every \_\_\_\_\_ bringing beach goers.  
4 5 7 14 4 21 11 26

The \_\_\_\_\_ Express was a  
1 21 21 12 7 2 22 4 9

special train and the last to leave the Beach each night, tickets cost only \_\_\_\_\_ cents.  
14 2 14 9 19

People would come to Grand Beach for the \_\_\_\_\_, to ride the  
3 5 9 6 26 6 26 17 24 2 3 12 2 3

\_\_\_\_\_ and dance the night away at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
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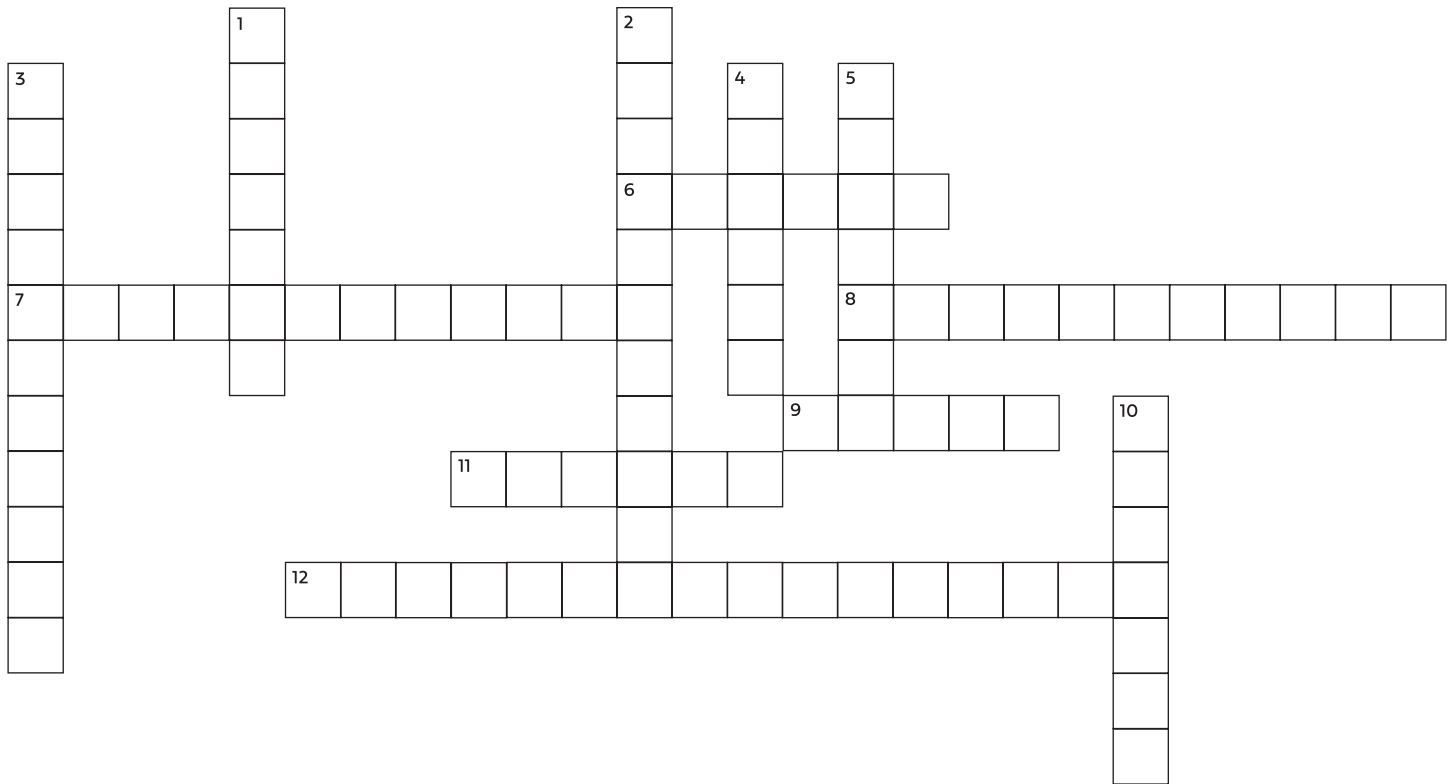
Tickets for one dance were \_\_\_\_\_ cents. People would camp at \_\_\_\_\_  
9 6 12 16 6 17 9 8 6 5 3 4

or stay at the Canadian Pacific \_\_\_\_\_ resort. When the highway was built in the  
26 5 2 7 16 5 19

1960s the railway sold Grand Beach to the province and it became one of Manitoba's first  
\_\_\_\_\_ in 1961.  
24 26 21 18 2 12 3 2 5 7 24 5 26 10 17

# Park Explorer Crossword

Need a Hint? All the answers are hidden in your booklet.



## Across

6. Stick to the designated trails around the sand dunes and avoid walking on these.
7. This endangered bird nests on the shores of Grand Beach.
8. Keep these out of your campsite and you will be BearSmart.
9. The type of bear that makes its home at Grand Beach.
11. You can tell this bird of prey in flight by the 'm' shape of its wings.
12. The last train to leave Grand Beach each night.

## Down

1. The carp were once prized for sport fishing but can destroy vital \_\_\_\_\_ habitat.
2. An amphibian whose call sounds like snoring.
3. A special adaptation that birds of prey have which they use for catching their food.
4. Piping Plovers' legs are this colour.
5. A plant that grows in wetlands and helps filter water.
10. This ancient lake once covered most of Manitoba.

Check off the boxes of each activity you have completed. Return the completed booklet to receive your official pin. (Your book will also be returned to you.)

## Did you enjoy doing this activity booklet?

If so, you can do other Junior Naturalist/Park Explorer booklets at the following locations:

- **Whiteshell**
- **Spruce Woods**
- **Birds Hill**
- **Hecla**
- **Grand Beach**

Completed booklets can be returned to campground offices, park interpreters or mailed to the address below:

**Manitoba Parks**  
Interpretation Unit  
258 Portage Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 0B6

## Park Explorer Activity Checklist:

- My Three Favourite Things
- Plight of the Piping Plover
- Storytime: History Happenings
- Birds of a Feather
- Frogs and Toads
- Welcome to Bear Country
- Sand Dunes
- Wetland Scramble
- Forest and Fire
- Waves of Time
- Park Explorer Crossword

Park Explorer: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

## You are almost an official Park Explorer!

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_